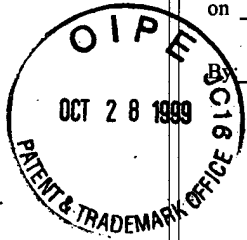


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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated September 3, 1999 for one month, from October 3, 1999 to November 3, 1999. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notification of Missing Requirements is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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